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In recent months, U. S. Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Thad Allen, has spoken with maritime professionals from around the nation. During these discussions, he has tried to uncover what is good and what can be improved with our current Coast Guard practices.

I would like to follow Admiral Allen's lead in continuing this dialogue on a more local level. I believe in the strong maritime industry-government cooperation in the Sector Upper Mississippi River area, as well as throughout the country. It is important to our safety, it is important to our security, and it is important to our economy. Accordingly, I am seeking your input and feedback concerning any, and all, issues of concern.

Feedback may be provided in several different manners. I have listed names and phone numbers below which you may call or email your issues of concern. Secondly, you may anonymously fax your input to my office at 314-269-2734 or provide comments via our website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/sector/umr/>. Letters, to my attention, may be sent to the address at the bottom of this MSIB. Finally, I have cleared my calendar on Friday, April 4th, in order to meet with mariners, facility operators, and other industry representatives as needed. If you desire a personal meeting, please contact my administrative assistant at 314-269-2508 to make an appointment. Your candid feedback will help me identify pending issues that may need action, as well as improvement recommendations. I will share your feedback with Rear Admiral Whitehead, the Eighth Coast Guard District Commander, and other Sector Commanders during the upcoming conference in New Orleans.


I look forward to maintaining the open lines of communication between the U. S. Coast Guard and industry throughout the Upper Mississippi area.

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